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California Black Voices Project Presents

Indira Allegra



TEXERE: The Shape of Loss Is a Tapestry

Indira Allegra, *TEXERE*, 2022 (sample image). Image courtesy of the artist.

March 19 – April 30, 2022

Opening reception

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4-6pm

March 03, 2021, San Francisco, CA – Minnesota Street Project Foundation (MSP Foundation) is pleased to present *TEXERE: The Shape of Loss Is a Tapestry*, by artist Indira Allegra, opening Saturday, March 19, 2022. *TEXERE: The Shape of Loss Is a Tapestry*, is the fifth and final exhibition by the inaugural grantees of the MSP Foundation's [California Black Voices Project](#), which launched in 2020.

Indira Allegra's *TEXERE: The Shape of Loss Is a Tapestry* is a living, interactive memorial to losses of all sizes in our lives. A garden of hanging tapestries acts as the canvas for writing and images projected in the gallery space. The glowing weavings are bodies of light in the darkness, guiding the viewer through expressions of loss.

The tapestries are updated in real time from [TEXERE](#), a collaborative web platform developed in partnership with Sassafra Tech Collective. Visitors may contribute to the exhibition with their own experiences via the site. The result is an ever-evolving installation that changes with new entries from people around the world.

“Loss is a normal part of the human experience, yet so often we are urged to forget about it and move on quickly,” says Allegra. “We need new rituals and objects to support us in an era of compounded losses.” *Texere* is a Latin word which means *to weave*, and is the root of words such as *text* and *textile*. The exhibition title nods to an age-old relationship between storytelling, patterns, and images woven in cloth. *TEXERE: The Shape of Loss Is A Tapestry*, is a contemplative, new kind of collaborative memorial experience. It changes as we change, heals as we heal, and illuminates the transformational magic of grief.

The exhibition is free and open to the public at 1275 Minnesota Street Project and online. For information on the Project’s social distancing requirements and hours of operation visit: <http://minnesotastreetproject.com>

About Indira Allegra

Indira Allegra is deeply informed by interiority, animism and the ritual, relational and performative aspects of weaving. Allegra’s performances and installations explore the poetics of sites and objects, revealing what they might be memorials to. Their work has been featured in ARTFORUM, BBC Radio 4 and Art Journal, and in exhibitions at the Museum of Arts and Design, the Arts Incubator in Chicago, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Center for Craft Creativity and Design and the Museum of the African Diaspora among others. Allegra's writing has been featured in *TEXTILE: Cloth and Culture*, *American Craft Magazine*, *Cream City Review*, *Foglifter* and *HYSTERIA Magazine* among others. They have been the recipient of numerous awards including the United States Artists Fellowship, Burke Prize, Gerbode Choreographer Award, Art Matters Artist2Artist Fellowship, Mike Kelley Artist Project Grant and Joseph Henry Jackson Literary Award.

About California Black Voices Project

[California Black Voices Project](#) is a grant-making program of the Minnesota Street Project Foundation for Black artists and curators working in California. Five grantees were selected through a jury composed of four prominent art world professionals. Each grantee received \$10,000, and an exhibition presented at Minnesota Street Project, as well as virtually on MSP Adjacent.

For information visit: <https://minnesotastreetproject.org/california-black-voices-project>

About Minnesota Street Project Foundation

Established in 2019, [Minnesota Street Project Foundation](#) embarks on initiatives to further develop the diversity and vibrancy of arts-related culture within and beyond the Minnesota Street Project’s model. The MSP Foundation is dedicated to the realization of a thriving, sustainable arts community in the Bay Area.

Through collaboration, the MSP Foundation advances educational and civic programming and provides direct financial support to artist and arts organizations. The MSP Foundation commits to fostering relationships with local, national, and international businesses, individuals, and institutions to support the evolving landscape of art practice and patronage. For more information on supporting expanded programming, please visit [Minnesota Street Project Foundation](#).

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